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Our Ballot

What the Herald Recommends

An Editorial

Perhaps the most perplexing problems that will face the average voter when he casts his ballot next Tuesday will be how to vote on the several propositions. In a spirit of fair play, the Herald last week published concise arguments written by leaders of both sides of the most important controversial issues. This week, the Herald submits its own convictions, arrived at after careful consideration.

No. 3, Foreclosure of Mortgages and Trust Deeds. Vote No.

This is a selfish move on the part of the Los Angeles Lawyers Club. Its fundamental aim is to increase litigation and lawyers' fees. The bill will afford no relief to present borrowers, and it would retard recovery from the depression by compelling banks and other lending institutions to restrict loans on real estate by at least 25 per cent. This would tend to increase unemployment in the building industry. The bill has been appropriately dubbed, "The Lawyer's Bonus."

No. 4, Removing Restriction Upon Use of State's Half of Highway Transportation Tax. Vote No.

This amendment would endanger the condition of roads by permitting the state to transfer funds now used for the maintenance and repair of highways to the general fund.

No. 5, Racing. Vote Yes.

Betting at races already exists in California and will continue to exist regardless of how the vote goes on this bill. A vote of "No" will neither stop nor prevent racing and betting, as it is now carried on by the "option" system. A negative vote will merely allow racing to continue uncontrolled and untaxed. If we are to have racing and betting on races anyhow, it would seem wise to collect a tax on it.

No. 6, War Veterans Tax Exemption. Vote Yes.

This amendment merely removes an unjust discrimination against men who served in the time of war and have continued in service. The approval of the amendment puts such men on the same basis as the veteran who has left the service and gone into private life.

No. 7, Legislature Expenses. Vote No.

This is no time for increasing salaries of public officials.

No. 8, Initiative and Referendum. Vote Yes.

Merely corrects error in previous legislation.

No. 9, School Funds, Income, Sales Tax. Vote No.

This amendment will prevent retrenchment in public school costs, already too burdensome and unnecessarily high. The way to reduce taxes is to reduce expenses. This measure would tend to increase taxes.

No. 10, Authorizing City of Escondido to Hold Stock in Mutual Water Company. Vote Yes.

This is a purely local problem.

No. 11, Tideland Grant to City of Huntington Beach. Vote No.

Proponents of this measure would have you believe it is wholly a local matter, affecting only the city of

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Benefit Comedy Dance Revue At High School Friday Night

The Elroy Revue, to be presented tomorrow night at the high school auditorium, under the auspices of the Co-operative Relief Association, is a medley of music, dancing, pretty girls, and clever comedy, guaranteed to prove entertaining to even the most critical.

The Revue begins with an overture, "Sweethearts Forever," by the Elroy Synchronizers.

Scene 1 portrays the Oriental idea, a Persian market, with the Princess Zeldia and her slave, Natcha, dominating the scene. The princess is being amused by a group of dancing girls, who show their skill and agility in acrobatics, and their grace in dancing.

Sambo and Lem are featured in Scene 2, with eccentric dances, comically surprising.

Scene 3 is just "taps." Many tricky tap dancing steps will be shown in this number, with 24 girls and boys to strut their stuff in rhythm tap, waltz, clog, military, navy, soft shoe, and all the varieties.

An "off rhythm" tap, a Russian dance and a military tap will follow.

"In a Little Spanish Town" suggests the character of the numbers in Scene 5. La Jota, Sevillie tango, Spanish fandango, rzysey dance, Lady of Spain, La Senora Vals, will delight the devotees of the Spanish dance with its languorous poses and maddening whirrs and clicking castanets.

Scene 7 portrays the "Dance of the Flowers," and the final scene brings in all of the elements, and

mixes them all in a grand finale of speed, grace and rhythm.

Proceeds from this delightfully novel entertainment will be used for the benefit of the local unemployed. Admission will be 25 cents for adults, 10 cents for children under 12, or the equivalent in food products.

The program will start promptly at 8 o'clock. The show has been presented in many communities with great success, and promises to bring to Torrance an evening of pleasure long to be remembered. The public is invited to attend, for by doing so they will aid a worthy community project and be well entertained besides.

Traffic Is Checked to Establish Gas Tax Distribution

Designed to provide the basis for a more equitable distribution of the state gasoline tax and a more scientific planning of new highways, a county-wide traffic check by the regional planning commission is now under way.

Important streets in Torrance and vicinity will be checked for a 24-hour period on two different days. Heretofore traffic has been checked for 12 hours, from 6:30 a. m. to 6:30 p. m.

Torrance and vicinity is particularly interested in the figures for Western avenue, and the check is expected to establish Western avenue as eligible for inclusion in the new system which the county proposes to establish.

THREE GROUPS AID COLUMBIA IN BID FIGHT

Bridge Contract Award Is Sought On Behalf of Local Concern

Aid in their endeavor to secure the award of contract for furnishing steel for the proposed Golden Gate bridge at San Francisco, is being furnished to the Columbia Steel Company this week by the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce, the San Francisco Building Trades Council and members of the Citizens' Advisory Committee.

Columbia's bid was only \$3,000 higher than the only other bid submitted on this project, totaling \$5,836,000 for the cables required by the huge structure.

Award of the bid to Columbia, over the bid of a Trenton, New Jersey, firm, would do much toward relieving the unemployment pressure in the steel trade on the Pacific coast, according to those who are interested in securing the award for the local concern.

Directors of the chamber at their meeting last week, discussed all phases of the problem and agreed that the preference should be given Columbia because it is a bay region concern, employing a high local labor.

They had just received a formal protest against favoring Columbia's higher bid from Rosbling, president of the Trenton Chamber of Commerce and from U. S. Senator Hamilton F. Kean of New Jersey.

Cutter argued at the meeting that if investigation disclosed that Columbia would create more bay region payrolls the contract should be awarded to them.

"The Golden Gate bridge," said Cutter, "is to be paid for by a tax-supported bond issue of which San Francisco carries 85 per cent.

In preparation for the work of supplying this type of steel, the Columbia Steel Company recently took over the active management of the American Steel and Wire Company plant in San Francisco.

This concern has been a subsidiary of the U. S. Steel Corporation, but until acquired by Columbia two weeks ago it had been under independent management.

A large tonnage of wire will be used on the Golden Gate bridge and San Francisco Bay bridges, and industrial committees in the north are working energetically to have as much of this wire as possible drawn and manufactured in the bay district, according to a statement by the Pittsburgh Post Dispatch.

Study of bids received for the construction of the Golden Gate span was again taken up by the bridge directors yesterday, hearing reports of the engineering board on technical phases of the contracts.

"Satisfactory progress" is reported in smoothing out the technical difficulty in marketing the first \$6,000,000 block of bonds, according to W. W. Felt, Jr., secretary of the board.

Eastern bond attorneys questioned the legality of selling the bonds on an interest basis higher than 5 per cent.

Republicans to Hear Campaign Orators Tonight

Supervisor Quinn Will Address Mass Meeting at High School

John R. Quinn, supervisor from the fourth district, will be the principal speaker at a Republican rally to be held tonight at the high school auditorium.

A parade will be held prior to the meeting, to start at 7:30 p. m. from the Pacific Electric depot, and finish at the high school. The meeting will be called to order at 8 o'clock.

A. E. (Chick) Henning, Republican candidate for Congress, and Ben Hill, Republican candidate for re-election to the state assembly from the 68th district, will also be heard at this time.

Mrs. Greiner Passed Away At Hospital Today

Well-Known Torrance Resident Succumbs to Acute Pneumonia

Mrs. Annie Greiner, wife of A. W. Greiner, 303 Portland avenue, passed away at 3:15 this morning at the Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital, where she underwent an emergency operation for appendicitis last Monday.

Death was due to acute pneumonia, which developed suddenly. Mrs. Greiner's condition had been considered serious, but she was apparently making a satisfactory recovery until yesterday.

The news of Mrs. Greiner's passing brings deep grief to her many friends. Mrs. Greiner was very active in American Legion Auxiliary affairs, and as the family has resided in Torrance for a number of years, she had a wide list of acquaintances and friends.

She leaves, besides her husband, one daughter, Helen. Funeral services will be held Monday afternoon at 2 o'clock from Stone & Myers chapel.

Counterfeiters Plant Is Found Near Gardena

Marcus L. Hilbert, 54, and Ernest P. Jones, 41, were arrested by United States Secret Service Agent, Ashe on Jones' ranch in Gardena, when the pair assembled were found in possession of a quantity of counterfeit money.

Secret Service Agent Ashe said today that the plant, found in an abandoned wooden water tank on the Jones ranch on Redondo-Riverside boulevard, has been under surveillance for several weeks. In a secret room within the abandoned tank, Ashe and a squad of Los Angeles city police, led by Capt. D. McD. Jones, found a small printing press, engraved copper plates patterned after \$10 bills, an engraver's camera and acids and other engraving materials.

Hilbert, who is a brother-in-law of Jones, was said by Ashe to have recently been released from McNeil Island prison where he served a sentence for counterfeiting.

Community Service Assn. Plans Immediate Drive For Chest Fund

At a meeting last Tuesday, November 2, in Chamber of Commerce offices, the Torrance Community Service Association was organized. R. B. Smith was elected to serve as president; James W. Leech, vice president; J. Wallace Post, treasurer; and L. J. Gilmeister, secretary.

Others to serve on the directorate of the association are Sam Levy, Dan Wooten, Chas. T. Rippey, and Bert W. Lutz.

The purpose of this organization is to serve in an advisory capacity on the disbursement of funds to the Torrance Relief Society, the Veterans' Relief Association of Torrance and other established agencies engaged locally in relief and welfare work.

Initial steps were taken at the meeting Tuesday to undertake a local campaign for contributions to carry on relief and welfare work during the ensuing year. Already numerous letters appealing for donations to this cause have been sent to industrial executives and owners of large interests in Torrance.

It is hoped that several hundred dollars can be realized through the efforts of sub-committee members by contact with service clubs and religious and fraternal organizations.

Perry Districts Pay High Tax Rate

Two tax districts in Perry, a part of the municipal district of Torrance, will have a higher rate of taxation this year than the districts in the older portion of the city, according to the Taxpayers Guide, just published. The rate in Perry district No. 1 totals \$4.29 per \$100 of assessed valuation, while district No. 2 has a total of \$4.24.

In these two districts the school tax rate amounts to \$2.40, county rate \$1.02, metropolitan water district rate 4 cents, and municipal taxes 83 cents. But \$1,294,820 of Torrance's assessed valuation lies in the Perry district.

LEGIONNAIRES PLAN PROGRAM ARMISTICE DAY

Spirit of Festivity to Mark This Annual Observance of Holiday

Bert S. Crossland Post No. 170 will sponsor the annual Armistice Day observance in Torrance this year, and committees of veterans are working out plans to make this affair "different" from those which have preceded it.

"We want to make this celebration of Armistice Day a joyous affair," says Chairman James Scott, "more in keeping with the real spirit of the occasion which was one of rejoicing, rather than sadness. Of course, we cannot forget that many of our buddies went west during the great war, and many have passed on during the 14 years since the first Armistice Day. The memory of these will ever cast a shadow of sadness over the day, but the real spirit of Armistice is not so much to mourn for those who lost their lives in defense of their ideals, but to rejoice in the coming of peace."

"On this Armistice Day, November 11, we are going to have the usual parade, in which we invite all citizens, clubs, church organizations, lodges, to take part. We would like to have some decorated floats, some decorated automobiles, some fancy costumes, to brighten up the day and promote the spirit of festivity. There will be three drum corps, Gardena, Wilmington and Torrance, to escort the procession which will start from the Legion clubhouse at 9:30. After drilling the city the parade will halt at the high school athletic field where each drum corps will put on a five-minute show. Afterwards the people may do as they please to entertain themselves. There will be no speaker, but there will be music and festivity. At two minutes before 11 all present will remain silent until the hour in memory of our departed comrades.

"We want to ask all merchants in Torrance to close their stores for at least a half-day, until noon, in recognition of the day, and to join with us in this annual observance."

Son of Bryan to Speak at Closing Democrat Rally

Monster Parade and Mass Meeting to Be Held Next Monday Night

William Jennings Bryan, son of the Great Commoner, will speak at the high school auditorium on Monday night, November 7, at the last Democratic rally of the campaign to be held in this city.

On the program also will be Pat Cooney, eloquent and fiery speaker, who was the organizer of the first "Roosevelt for President" club in California, sponsored two years ago.

Preceding the meeting a torchlight procession will start from the Democratic headquarters on Cahuilla avenue, for a circuit of the city, ending at the high school. The parade will start at 7:30 o'clock.

Several campaign songs have been written by local Democrats which will be used in the parade. Besides the songs, there will be other musical entertainment, and when the speaking gets under way at the auditorium the well-known "Forgotten Man" will make a three-minute talk.

All Torrance citizens, regardless of their party affiliations, are invited to attend this meeting.

Court Upholds Zoning Laws of Redondo Beach

Restrictions Against Oil Drilling Operations Declared Valid

Validity of the zoning ordinances of the city of Redondo Beach, upheld in an opinion handed down by Superior Judge Joseph L. Call, is of interest to Torrance residents because of the contiguous territory, local city officials pointed out today. The action in which the opinion was rendered was a suit against the city of Redondo Beach by the Chanslor-Canfield Midway Oil Company.

The oil company sought to have the court declare unconstitutional and void the zoning ordinances of the city of Redondo Beach, which prohibited them from drilling for oil upon some 160 acres of proven and potential oil land in the southeast corner of the city limits, on the ground that the zoning ordinances were arbitrary and unreasonable.

Judge Call upheld the validity of the zoning ordinance and gave judgment in favor of the city. At the same time, however, he declared unconstitutional, illegal and void a portion of Section 24 of the zoning ordinance as attempted to prohibit the plaintiff from operating a well that was in active operation at the time of the creation of the zoning ordinance.

Health Center to Open Dec. 10

County Plans Welfare Dept. to Occupy Upper Floor

December 10 has been tentatively set as the probable date for the formal opening of the Torrance Health Center on Carson street, according to advice from county officials. The building is nearly completed, but it will require additional time to furnish and equip the interior of the building.

Present plans call for the establishment of a county welfare department in the second story of the building, although all the details have not yet been definitely agreed upon.

Five New Boys Join Group at Clubhouse

Bernard Maguire, Dewey Hampton, Donald Bathroff, Albert Puetz and Ray Grant Young were the newcomers at the Mothers Educational Center on Friday, October 28, held at the Woman's clubhouse. In all 26 babies were weighed, measured and examined, while their mothers were advised as to their proper care.

The Mothers Educational Center meets once each month, on the fourth Friday, at the clubhouse, with Dr. Matilda Wilde in charge.

Mrs. Eva Durfee left this week for Boulder City, Nevada, where she is visiting with friends.

SEPARATION MOVE NO BENEFIT TO SMALL TOWNS SAYS REPORT

Effort of City of Los Angeles to Reconstruct Its Boundaries Leaves Western Portion of County in Unsatisfactory Position As to Finance

Characterizing the attempt of the Los Angeles city council to form a separate city within the county as a move to increase the metropolitan city's revenues at the expense of Torrance and other smaller cities, the county bureau of efficiency this week made public a study which literally tears the proposal to pieces.

The report deals with every section of the county, and especially with the coastal strip along the western side of the county, embracing Torrance. The report states:

"The entire western strip of the county bordering on the ocean would be cut off from the eastern territory by the proposed city and county of Los Angeles. At least one new county is inevitable in this coastal strip, though how it is to be created, under present laws, is not clear.

"It must be recalled that in this coastal area there are incorporated cities entirely surrounded by unincorporated county territory. Also there are parcels of unincorporated county areas surrounded by incorporated city territory. Bearing in mind the present legal situation and the fact that all land in the state must be part of some county, or city and county, it is conceivable that the coastal area may be broken up into two or more separate counties or cities and counties which could not be other than ineffective county governmental units.

"It may be argued that Redondo Beach, Inglewood, Culver City, Beverly Hills and Santa Monica may escape this fate by annexation to the proposed city and county of Los Angeles. If this were legally possible, it is very probable to expect that local pride and local politics would prevent such a union indefinitely.

"The report further states: "Unquestionably, the economic depression and other factors have decreased the city's income to a point where it is doubtful if all of its governmental functions can be carried on and paid for. Restricted to a limited tax rate, and having no present control over the fixing of assessed valuations on taxable property within its boundaries, the city is casting about for a means of augmenting its income."

"Some of the questions which are in the study are what would become of the flood control district, and the legal formation of the Metropolitan Water district. Localities which would happen to the sanitation districts, water works districts and fire prevention districts? Torrance, the report states, would literally be "between the devil and the deep blue sea," according to the report, if the city's proposal were not defeated.

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Red Cross Drive For Memberships Will Start Soon

Local Chapter to Be Organized in Torrance This Fall

Red Cross workers of Torrance who will enroll members November 11 will help "the World's Greatest Mother" to war on human distress, as Mrs. Caroline Collins, local branch chairman, phrases it in urging the local chapter to "go over the top" with its quota. Mrs. Collins says, "Unemployment laid at the door of the Red Cross a magnitude and degree of distress unprecedented in 51 years of mankind's history to disaster victims. No single disaster ever equalled the damage wrought by the slow gnawings of enforced idleness.

"Since late 1931 more than 3,000,000 families have been given Red Cross food, clothing, medical supplies and other forms of assistance. More than 15,000,000 persons have been beneficiaries.

"Unemployment relief activities have been participated in by more than 2,200 Red Cross chapters. Volunteers have engaged in relief programs with an intensity reminiscent of World War days.

"Relief activities like all Red Cross services, receive their chief support and stimulus from membership which are designated as annual, \$1; contributing, \$5; sustaining, \$10; supporting, \$25. Only 50 cents of each membership goes to national work. The rest is for local services in each community."

For every dollar taken out of California in memberships, the Red Cross has put back into the community \$7 in relief. "This was the statement made last night by Mrs. Collins, chairman of the local Red Cross branch, as she discussed plans for the coming annual membership appeal. In Torrance, through the agency of the Red Cross branch, 146,250 pounds of government flour has been made available to the needy since April 1. In addition, 250 yards of cotton cloth is now being made into garments by Red Cross volunteers and distributed, with the help of other agencies, to those in need of clothing relief.

"The Co-operative Relief Association will supply all provisions for the day, furnish all cooks, waiters, dishwashers, and cashier, and will serve dinner between the above hours at a price of 45 cents. A first-class meal will be provided. Children will be served for 25 cents.

Proceeds from this unique arrangement will go to the association. Mr. Conner is turning over his restaurant entirely to these men for this day, to make what profit they can. The public is invited to drop in any time between 11:30 and closing time, to have dinner.

Local Talent to Play Friday Night

Albert Custer, blind accordionist, and William Keen, banjo player, will furnish music at the high school tomorrow night during a half-hour interval before the curtain rises on the Elroy Revue, comedy dance production, to be given for the benefit of the Co-operative Relief Association. The men are clever musicians and will provide a half-hour of excellent entertainment.

Staple groceries will be received in lieu of cash for admission to the big vaudeville show, Friday night at the high school auditorium.